

C. PCT 1362

November 13, 2012

Madam,
Sir,

I refer to Circular C. PCT 1355, dated September 18, 2012, by which your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), has been invited to attend the twentieth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), scheduled to take place in Munich from February 6 to 8, 2013, and a meeting of the PCT/MIA quality subgroup, to take place in Munich on February 4 and 5, 2013. Both meetings will be hosted by the European Patent Office (EPO).

./ Please find enclosed a draft agenda for the twentieth session of the PCT/MIA (document PCT/MIA/20/1). The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the draft agenda and any proposals for additional agenda items by December 15, 2012, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. For the quality subgroup, an informal draft agenda has been posted on the PCT Quality Subgroup wiki discussion forum.

Your Office is also reminded to communicate to the International Bureau the names and titles of the representatives of your Office attending the PCT/MIA meeting and the PCT/MIA quality subgroup meeting, if it has not already done so, by the above date.

Further details of the venue and travel arrangements can be found on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, accessible on the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct-mia (username: pctmia; password: miaforum). Please note that the deadline for reservations of hotel rooms through the block booking made by the EPO travel agency is November 30, 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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Meeting of International Authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

**Twentieth Session
Munich, February 6 to 8, 2013**

DRAFT AGENDA

prepared by the Secretariat

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of a Chair
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. PCT Statistics
5. PCT Online Services (e-PCT)
 - (a) Existing Applicant Services
 - (b) Existing Office Services
 - (c) Third Party Observations
 - (d) Future Development
6. Quality
 - (a) Report from the Quality Subgroup
 - (b) Matters arising from the Report from the Quality Subgroup

- (c) Future Quality-Related Work
7. Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot Project
 8. Supplementary International Search
 9. PCT Minimum Documentation
 10. PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines
 11. PCT Sequence Listing Standard
 12. Revision of Standard ST.14
 13. Further Improvements to the PCT System
 14. Future work
 15. Summary by the Chair
 16. Closing of the session

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